

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez joins with all Americans in commemorating the tragic events of September 11, 2001, with a National Day of Service and Remembrance. Created by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the National Day of Service channels the powerful sense of unity, patriotism, and shared purpose Americans felt in the wake of the 9/11 attacks into meaningful action in our communities.

“Just days ago, we paid tribute to Senator Kennedy, the ultimate patriot,” said Rep. Linda Sánchez. “This year, as we reflect on the many heroes we have lost, we clearly see that honoring them through our service and showing gratitude is more important than ever.”

The National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of several months of service projects—a crucial part of the Kennedy Act. Projects held in all fifty states and the District of Columbia included food drives, neighborhood cleanups and volunteer construction work. Hundreds of additional projects involving tens of thousands of volunteers, nonprofits, businesses, faith groups and governments will take place across the country as Americans reflect on the 9/11 anniversary.

Rep. Sánchez noted that within days of taking over the majority, House Democrats took dramatic steps to keep Americans safe at home and abroad. Democrats passed and implemented the full package of recommendations of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, succeeded in passing a new GI Bill to better provide for veterans’ education, increased service members’ pay in the 2009 Defense Authorization, and improved healthcare for female veterans through the Women Veterans Healthcare Improvement Act. Rep. Sánchez also supported streamlining VA funding to ensure our veterans receive crucial health services without interruption.

“There is one thing the terrorists of 9/11 could not destroy - the pride of Americans who rallied together stronger and more united than before,” said Rep. Sánchez. “I encourage my fellow Southern Californians to join me this September 11 and in the days ahead in giving back to our community and honoring the memories of those who have already given us so much.”

### RESOURCES:

In order to find a volunteer opportunity on September 11 in your community, there are two useful websites:

[www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)

[www.911dayofservice.org](http://www.911dayofservice.org) - which is the website of the MyGoodDeed nonprofit organization

For information on the Serve America Act, visit: [Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act](http://www.edwardm.kennedy.senate.gov/record/2009/09/11/serve-america-act).